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GOOD MEN GONE.

Death of Ex-Alderman James C. Gilbert at Martinsville Springs.

Was an Honored Member of the General Council For Many Years.

Father Fidelius Voigt Dies From Ruptured Blood Vessel.

INTERMENT AT JEFFERSONVILLE.

Ex-Alderman James C. Gilbert, one of Louisville's most prominent and successful business men, died Wednesday morning at Martinsville, Ind., where he went some weeks ago in the hope of regaining his health, which had been poor for about a year past. During the few days preceding his demise it was reported that his chances for recovery were almost certain, and the sad news came as a great shock to the whole community. Mrs. Gilbert and daughter, Miss Edna, who accompanied him, and his two widowed sisters from Illinois, were at the dying man's bedside when the end came.

Alderman Gilbert was the head of the Bradley-Gilbert Printing Company, and no employer was ever held in higher respect by the printing trades than he. For about twenty-five years he was a member of the Board of Aldermen, and during that long period of time no vote or action of his was ever questioned. Whenever there was a point in doubt it was referred to "Uncle Jim," whose decision always stood.

Before the adoption of the new charter he was the Ninth ward representative in the Board of Aldermen, and there was not a man, woman or child in Limerick would refuse to vote for him. His time and influence and often his means were at the disposal of deserving people, and the numbers benefited through him would prove astonishing were they known. But his good deeds were done quietly and without any other purpose than the satisfaction that his efforts were appreciated and successful.

James Gilbert was a native of Missouri, having been born in Jackson sixty-eight years ago. After mastering the printing trade he came to Louisville in 1858, and his excellent workmanship and executive ability soon placed him in the front rank among the printers of those days. After a time he and Thomas Bradley combined and founded what is now the Bradley-Gilbert Company at Third and Green streets, for many years regarded among the leading printing houses of this section. The highest wages were paid the employees, and the most skillful printers always preferred situations under him, as his reputation extended throughout the entire country. Another trait that endeared Mr. Gilbert to the printers was his steadfast and unyielding friendship for the typographical union, of which he was a member at its birth, and during his long career he never inaugurated a reduction of wages or locked out his employees. Such a thing as a strike at Bradley & Gilbert's has never been thought of by anyone. There are now several employees holding stock in the company which was said to have been given them by their honored employers.

In politics Mr. Gilbert was a Democrat, and had been ambitious he might have secured any office of his choice. Often was he urged to become Mayor of the city, but he always declined the honor, though his associates in the Board of Aldermen insisted upon his serving as a member of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners and a Director in the Water Company, holding the Presidency of the former for several years. The policemen and firemen also found in him a true friend, and though regarded as a treasury watch-dog he never kept them for months out of their pay, as has been done during the past year.

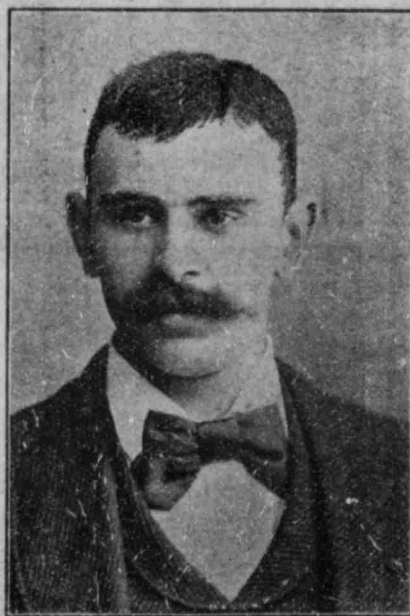
The remains arrived here last Wednesday night and were met at the depot and escorted to the family residence on Fourth avenue by a large number of friends, where hundreds stood in line to await their turn to express their sympathy to Mrs. Gilbert and daughter. The deepest grief was evinced by the employees of the Bradley-Gilbert Company, who all feel that they have suffered a great personal loss.

The funeral, which took place Thursday afternoon, was an imposing one, all the city officials attending in a body, as did hundreds who were unable to gain admission to the house. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles Craik, of Christ Church Cathedral, after which a vast concourse escorted the body to Cave Hill cemetery. Many prominent citizens officiated as honorary pall-bearers, including Messrs. Theo. Powell, George Goering, August Keim, Louis Pfau, Vincent Smith and L. L. Herndon, all employees of the Bradley & Gilbert Company, were the active pall-bearers, who tenderly laid to rest one of our best friends.

Jeffersonville, where he received his primary education. From there he went to Syracuse to study for the priesthood, and after completing the classical course finished his preparations for the ministry at Wurzburg, Bavaria, where he graduated with high honors at the famous university of that town, being ordained at the age of twenty-five.

Returning to this country he joined the Franciscan order, and was stationed at St. Joseph's church in Utica about twenty-five years ago. From there he was transferred to Albany, where he was pastor of the leading German Catholic church for many years. Soon after the death of Rev. Father Alexis Rassbauer he was made pastor of St. Joseph's church in Utica, N. Y., and continued there until November, 1899, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. At that time he returned to Jeffersonville, where he remained with his relatives until about five months ago, when his recovery seemed assured. When he last left Jeffersonville Father Voigt went to Trenton, N. J., where he has since been.

Recently Father Voigt suffered from an attack of diabetes, and his brother, H. N. Voigt, of Jeffersonville, left for Trenton to attend the sick priest, remaining there till last week, when his condition



JOHN FUCHS.

was thought to be greatly improved and he was apparently on the road to recovery. The unexpected death was occasioned by a ruptured blood vessel of the brain.

Father Voigt had written a letter bearing Christmas greetings to his relatives, which arrived only a short time after the fatal telegram announcing his death, in which he said his condition was improving and he hoped to soon be able to visit them again.

Immediately upon receipt of the sad news, George Voigt, brother of the deceased clergyman, left for Trenton, where the funeral was conducted. The remains were brought to Jeffersonville, where the burial services are to take place tomorrow.

Father Voigt was well known and highly esteemed by the clergymen of Kentucky and Indiana. His father, Ferdinand Voigt, still resides in Jeffersonville, as does also his brothers Frank and George, both prominent citizens, and one sister, Miss Mary Voigt. Besides these he has three brothers, Henry, Fred and Joseph, who are well known business men of Chattanooga, Tenn.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS.

John Nolan Appointed Organizer For Eastern District.

State President Michael Reichert has announced the appointment of John Nolan, of Branch 25, as District Organizer for the Catholic Knights of America for the eastern section of the city. The appointment was made two weeks ago, and since that time Organizer Nolan has received twenty-five applications for membership.

President Reichert made a wise selection, as his appointee was for about four years associated with the old line insurance companies and has had much insurance experience. "This experience," he declares, "teaches me that for the working classes and people of moderate means who are eligible there is no insurance so desirable or equal to that offered by the Catholic Knights of America, whose reserve fund will ere long aggregate a million dollars."

The Central Committee of this great body is also infusing new life into all the branches, with the hope of doubling the membership in Louisville during the next six months. Since the failure of the Chosen Friends order many have been turning to the Knights, now financially the strongest fraternal order in America, with a steadily growing reserve fund.

COULDN'T FIND HIM.

Governor Roosevelt laughingly tells a neat story apropos his wish to make his campaign on his civil and not his military record. While he was on his recent Western tour an elderly, very near-sighted farmer came up to him, stretched out his hand and said:

"Have I the honor of addressing the hero of San Juan?"

"No, sir; you are addressing the Governor of New York."

"Oh, excuse me," said the farmer, backing away. "I've made a mistake. I thought I was speakin' to Teddy. Kin you tell me where I kin find Teddy Roosevelt?"

NOMINATIONS.

Made For Officers of Central Labor Union Last Sunday.

Avenue Theater on Unfair List For Non-Union Printing.

Movement Started to Organize Ladies' Branch Label League.

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES.

The largest meeting yet held by the Central Labor Union was that of last Sunday, the last of the year and century. About forty unions were represented, new delegates being seated from the beer



HERMAN CHRISTEN.

drivers, international coopers, broom makers, metal polishers, slack barrel coopers and machinists.

Great interest was manifested in the nominations for officers, and for each place two or more men were named, any one of whom would fill acceptably the place for which he is the nominee. The race that will be most exciting is that for President, John Fuchs, the present incumbent, who has filled the office with fairness and ability, will likely be re-elected, as all feel that his course in bringing about a reconciliation during the past year should be indorsed. This feeling is entertained by even the worthy gentlemen who are running against him. His fearless, able and honest course in the past marks him as a safe man for the future. The nominations made are as follows:

President—Aug. Kline, John Fuchs, Herman Christen, Paul Mueller and George Peters.

Vice President—William Jacobs, James J. Martin, James Roberts.

Corresponding Secretary—Humphrey Knecht and Ben Sands.

Recording Secretary—James Looney and Charles Taylor.

Financial Secretary—John Cosgrove and Charles Peetz.

Treasurer—William Wathen.

Board of Directors—William Pool, James McGill, Herman Christen, James Roberts, W. M. Sullivan, Gus Henry, John Young, C. H. Bolander, Charles Dietz.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Nelson Green and Chris. P. Schley.

The pictures of the Presidential candidates are given on this page.

The election will take place at the January meeting.

The Grievance Committee recommended that the Avenue Theater be placed on the unfair list for having its programmes printed in a non-union office. Also that Hirsch Bros., the clothiers, and Laufer Bros., the common beer brewers, be placed on the same list, which were concurred in.

Delegates French and Jacobs made comprehensive reports of the proceedings of the American Federation of Labor.

An appeal in behalf of the textile workers of Jamestown was referred to local unions.

Secretary Christen made a full report of the receipts and expenditures for the entertainment of the American Federation, and the Ways and Means Committee were given a rising vote of thanks for the manner in which they performed their work.

Another important movement in the labor world will soon be inaugurated here, being nothing less than the formation of a Ladies' Label League, for which purpose an open meeting has been called for January 10. Miss Sarah Crossfield, of Indiana, will be present and deliver an address.

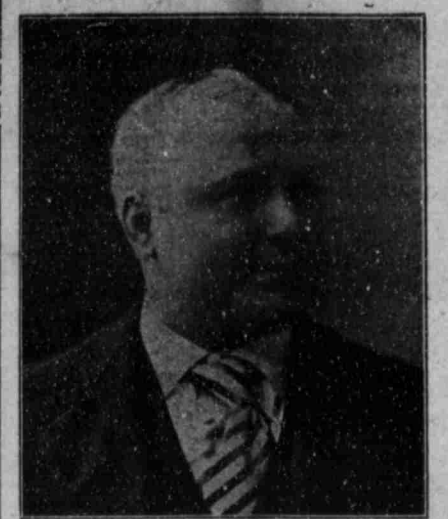
Before the adjournment a number of short but interesting talks on labor subjects and organization were made by Louis Klefer, Ben Sands, George Peters, Charles Dietz and others.

Quite an amount of routine work was attended to and the proceedings were marked by an earnestness and good feeling that show evidence of the good done by the American Federation of Labor while in session here.

COMING EUCHRE.

Branch 642 of the Catholic Knights of America has perfected arrangements for the entertainment of the friends of its members on the evening of January 22, when a mammoth euchre will be given at

Music Hall. The gentlemen having the affair in charge are Messrs. James McBride, Martin Fahey, James Welch, Harry Veeneman, A. J. Sheridan, George Schlaffer, Thomas Sheehan, Joe Rickman and William Phalen. They will be assisted by a number of charming ladies, who



PAUL MUELLER.

will serve an elegant luncheon at the conclusion of the games. This branch represents St. Michael's parish and is now striving to be known as one of the most progressive in the city. The small sum of twenty-five cents will be charged for those entering the contest and attending the luncheon.

FRIENDS ELATED.

Mike Lawler Attaining Prominence in Railroad World.

Mike Lawler, Sr., who was here from Illinois to spend Christmas with his friends, left the city Wednesday night for Olney, Ill., where he is superintending the construction of important work for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. His many Louisville friends were elated when it became known that he had been appointed superintendent of masonry between this city and St. Louis for that important system.

For a number of years Mike Lawler was a well known Louisville contractor



and prominent in local political circles. Some time last year he took several contracts for stone work reconstruction on the Baltimore & Ohio system in Indiana, which gave such satisfaction that he was soon tendered the position of superintendent of the improvements now under way.

"The Baltimore & Ohio roadbed bids fair to soon excel that of any in this country," said Mr. Lawler to our reporter. "The work is being done under the immediate supervision of Chief Engineer Carothers and Division Engineer Poland, and when completed will be most perfect for the convenience of the great passenger and freight traffic. This is assured from the fact that they are two of the most experienced and efficient railroad men whom I have ever met. Large forces are now at work at Olney, Bridgeport and Claremont, Ill., and there will be no stoppage till every foot has been gone over. The men employed are paid good wages, and are therefore anxious to do first-class work for the company."

GOOD WORK.

Detectives Hickey and Sexton Capture Notorious Crooks.

The best piece of detective work done in Louisville for some time was performed last Saturday by Detectives Sexton and Hickey, who succeeded in capturing three notorious crooks, just as they were about to attempt the robbery of the German Insurance Bank. The three were John Morgan, Harry Freeman and Robert Little. They were very indignant when the two game officers nabbed them and protested that they only intended making deposits.

Since their arrest they have been identified as desperate criminals, and the prospects are they will receive punishment for some of their past offenses at least. Their capture was an important one and reflects great credit on Chief Sullivan and his men, to whose watchfulness and sagacity our citizens are greatly indebted for their freedom from sneak thieves and robbers.

Towels should be dried thoroughly before being put away. If consigned to the linen closet after being ironed before they are thoroughly aired a mould called odium forms on them, giving rise to a parasite which is liable to produce skin diseases.

Y. M. I.

Mackin Council to Install Its Officers and Resume Euchres.

Trinity Will Celebrate New Year's With Its Baby Show.

Cake Walk and Other Attractions For Young and Old.

BOTH WILL ATTRACT LARGE CROWDS.

Trinity Council has sent out a large number of invitations for its New Year's Day entertainment, which will be celebrated in fine style at the club house on East Gray street.



GEORGE PETERS.

President Sullivan informed the Kentucky Irish American that this year's programme will surpass anything ever before attempted in this city. The committees appointed by him have arranged a programme that can not but please old and young, as new and novel attractions will be presented.

From 2 to 6 o'clock Tuesday there will be a Christmas tree from which Santa Claus will distribute gifts. There will also be a children's cake walk and Kris Kringle will probably be the presiding judge. But the principal feature of the day will be the baby show, for which handsome prizes have been secured for those who receive the most votes. The only show of the kind which had more entries this year was that of the Elks, but this one should prove more popular as the prizes are more numerous and costly. The installation of officers will also take place Tuesday evening, and the friends of the members of Trinity have all been invited to be present. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary, which embraces many society leaders and belles of the East End, will be the guests of honor, and extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of both the ladies and all other visitors. From rumors now afloat it is safe to say that all those fortunate enough to be present will long remember the inauguration of the new century by Trinity Council.

Mackin Council of the Young Men's Institute, the leading young people's society of the West End, will install its newly elected officers next Tuesday evening. They are all popular gentlemen and the exercises will be witnessed by a large audience. From some of the leading members we learn that the erection during the coming year of a fine dancing hall or pavilion is contemplated, which will make their elegant club house and its accessories the equal of any in this city.

The retiring officers have their reports ready for submission to the council, all showing gratifying progress during the past year. Members will be glad to learn that in addition to paying for all the improvements made to the house and grounds a snug sum of money has been added to the building fund.

Mackin resumed its series of weekly euchres Thursday evening, which will now continue regularly until the beginning of Lent. These affairs have become very popular from the fact that only those who have received invitations are allowed to participate for the handsome prizes offered. The euchre parties are quite select and patronized by only the better class of our citizens.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PERIL.

If all the intelligence from South Africa is not misleading Great Britain is face to face with a peril which has long been apprehended and which might by the exercise of prudence have been averted, says the Chicago Chronicle. The Cape Dutch are on the point of rising. Indeed, they may be said to have risen.

The situation is far more serious than it has been at any time within the last six months. Lord Kitchener has not only to deal with the Boer commandos, which are relatively weak in point of numbers, but he is confronted with the fact that at least a part of the population of Cape Colony and Natal is in revolt

and that all of it is disaffected. His appeal for reinforcements constitutes an admission of the fact.

The seriousness of the situation lies in the fact that while Cape Colony and Natal are nominally British they are really Dutch in language and in population. The Dutch outnumber the British ten to one. They are under British rule, but they never loved it. The war against their brethren of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State has changed passive dislike into active hatred. The reconcentrado policy of Gen. Kitchener—the burning of farms and wanton destruction of property—has completed the process.

The Boers of the Cape and of Natal have seen the northern republics laid waste with fire and sword and they have undoubtedly reached the conclusion that their own turn would come next. They have determined to anticipate such a fate by taking up arms. That is the menace which the British empire faces to day.

Britain undoubtedly will crush the Dutch of the Cape as she will crush those of the Transvaal, but the task is one which will exhaust every resource of the empire—which may weaken Britain fatally and lead to her ultimate downfall. The subject of a race is a task which is nowadays fortunately all but



AUGUST KLINE.

impossible. The nation which attempts it has need to count the cost in advance.

MARRIED IN OCTOBER.

Joe Hill and Miss Mary Hoertz Surprise Their Many Friends.

The surprise of the past week in society circles was the announcement of the marriage of Joe Hill and Miss Mary Hoertz, which occurred October 10, Rev. Father Cunningham, of Holy Cross church, performing the ceremony.

Both are well known young people, the bride being the accomplished daughter of ex-State Senator Jake Hoertz. Joe Hill has for some years been the star in local amateur theatricals, in which he was ably assisted by the young lady whom he has wedded.

There was no objection to the union from either side, but the young people chose this manner to avoid public display, preferring a quiet wedding.

A FRIEND OF THE IRISH POOR.

In the death of Vere Henry Louis Foster at Belfast the Irish people have lost a friend who, though an Englishman born and bred, devoted his life to their service. A casual visit which he paid to Ireland in 1847 resulted in his taking up the work in which he spent more than half a century. He was then a young man in the diplomatic service of Great Britain, but after witnessing the misery which prevailed in the unhappy island because of the failure of the potato crop he gave up his career and began at once to do what he could to assist the unfortunate people. Perhaps the most important thing he accomplished was in improving conditions on board the emigrant ships which took thousands of the poorer classes of Irish to America. He made three voyages in the steerage of these ships, and when he went before Parliament he was able from personal experience to speak of the disgraceful and unsanitary accommodations provided for steerage passengers with such force that emigration laws were quickly passed which put an end to such conditions. He also was responsible for the building of more than 2,000 schools in Ireland and for the substitution of board floors for damp earth in many more. He is said to have personally assisted more than 25,000 young Irish women to emigrate from the congested districts of the island to America and the British colonies, and there is a long list of other charitable work to his credit. He died at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

CHAPLAIN CHIDWICK.

Upon the request of Rear Admiral Rogers the Rev. Father Chidwick, who was chaplain on the ill-fated Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor, has been assigned to the cruiser New York, which will soon become the Admiral's flagship. For the past two years Father Chidwick has been acting chaplain on the receiving ship Vermont at the Brooklyn navy yard, and during that time also lectured in many of the larger cities upon the fate of the Maine and her gallant crew.

If, after having a tooth pulled, the mouth is filled with salt and water it will allay the danger of having a hemorrhage.

AUXILIARY.

Big Turn Out of Ladies Looked For on Thursday Night.

Irish-American Society Has Issued One Hundred Invitations.

Hibernians Will Get Ready to Work For St. Patrick's Day.

THE COUNTY BOARD TO MEET SOON.

President Joe Nevin and Secretaries Byrne and Flynn have issued over one hundred invitations to prominent maids and matrons of this city to attend the meeting of the Irish-American Society at Hibernian Hall next Thursday evening, when a Ladies' Auxiliary will be formed for the purpose of aiding that society in its observance of the anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, which takes place March 4. We are informed that quite a number have already responded favorably, and the indications are that there will be a good turnout that evening of both sons and daughters of Erin.

Now that the holidays may be said to be over the members of the Irish-American Society will proceed with the arrangements for what they want to make one of the most interesting celebrations ever witnessed here. The programme will embrace a number of attractive features that will please the general public when announced.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians also contemplate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on a magnificent scale, and our Irish-American population will not lack for amusement during the balance of the season.

County President Keenan will call a meeting of the County Board of the order for an early date in January, when committees will be appointed and the work pushed vigorously. It is gratifying to state that the above organizations are willing to help each other in the observance of its anniversary, and the success of both is thereby assured. Each division of the Hibernians will have special work assigned it, and if the suggestions already made are carried out the memory of St. Patrick will be observed in a manner that will surpass the expectations of the most enthusiastic.

DENNIS J. CONWAY.

A Well-Known Business Man Succumbs to Heart Disease.

The business community of this city has sustained another severe loss in the person of Dennis J. Conway, whose death occurred at an early hour Monday morning at his home, Eighth and St. Catherine streets, and the sad announcement was received with universal regret throughout Limerick, where he was well known and admired for his many sterling qualities.

Though he had been ill for about two months hopes were entertained for his recovery, and the news that he died of heart disease was a painful surprise to his great number of friends and acquaintances.

Dennis Conway was well known in the business world as a man of ability and integrity, being President of the Conway Brothers' Brick Company, one of the leading concerns of the Southwest. Associated with him were his two brothers, John M. and Thomas P., both of whom stand very high in commercial circles.

The deceased was unmarried and resided with his aged mother at 800 West St. Catharine street. Always a devout member of the Dominican church, he had for many years been an active worker in its undertakings, and besides was a liberal hearted man, who never turned a deaf ear to appeals for works of charity.

His remains, followed by the largest funeral cortege seen for some time, were taken to the Dominican church Wednesday morning, where solemn high mass was celebrated and an appropriate sermon delivered on the Christian life and character of the deceased.

To the bereaved mother and relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a noble son and brother. May his soul rest in peace.

INSTALLATION.

The Knights of St. Edward of New Albany installed their officers last night for the ensuing year with imposing public exercises. These were followed by a really enjoyable banquet and smoker that was largely attended, and a handsome sum realized for the building fund of the new St. Edward's Hospital, which will be erected by the Catholics in the near future.

LEFT THE CITY.

Dominick Mullaney left for Chicago Wednesday morning, where he will be employed until spring. Then he will go to Atlanta to manage the Southern League base ball team of that place.

The sum of individual character makes national character.—R. C. Mann.